

a1 although not shown in detail in the figure, each vendor will spawn an associated, personalized instance of the original job request 58. That is, vendor 56a will, after modifying and constraining the original job request 58, create a more fully constrained instance of that job request, which is stored at server 52. Such a vendor-personalized instance of the job request can be stored in memory at server 52 and associated in the database with the original job request 58. That way, when a customer 54 accesses the job request 58, he or she may be provided with information about the existence of the vendor-personalized instance(s) of the job request, each or all of which can be viewed individually or collectively (e.g., through customer interface 60) for comparison and additional mark-up (i.e., addition of further constraints, etc.).

*In the Claims:*

Please amend Claims 1-20 as follows:

- a2 1. (Amended) A computer-based method, comprising comparing a plurality of vendor specific instances of an electronic print job request object, each vendor specific instance of the print job request object to represent a relationship between a customer and one of a plurality of vendors to perform a print job project, each vendor specific instance of the print job request object defined through a series of iterative customer submissions and vendor responses to allow the customer to select one of the plurality of vendors to perform the print job project.
2. (Amended) The computer-based method of claim 1 wherein the customer compares the plurality of vendor specific instances of the print job request object via a web interface.
3. (Amended) The computer-based method of claim 1 wherein the vendor responses being based on the customer submissions and the print job.